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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 7, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. As the shortened statutory reply period expires on August 7, 2009, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.